

Project Charter – Contractor of the Year 2026 (CotY)

Project Manager: Peter Balogh
Project Sponsor: Oliver F. Lehmann, ACE, PMP

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Project Foundation

The Contractor of the Year 2026 (CotY) Project is established under the Project Business Foundation (PBF) to strengthen excellence and trust in cross-corporate Project Business.

Its mission is to identify and celebrate the most capable and ethical contractors through verified customer assessments, recognizing organizations that exemplify professional collaboration, commercial integrity, and reliable project delivery.

The project operates as a neutral, non-commercial initiative within the Foundation's educational and community-building mandate. The recognition will be based on transparent evaluation criteria and measurable evidence from satisfied customers, ensuring credibility and fairness across industries and regions.

Objectives

- ◆ Define categories that reflect the diversity of Project Business.
- ◆ Design a transparent customer-based assessment and verification process.
- ◆ Conduct evaluations and determine winners by February 2026.
- ◆ Announce results at a public online event in March 2026.

Authority and Responsibilities



By this charter, Peter Balogh is formally appointed as Project Manager for CotY 2026, with authority to:

- ◆ Build the project and assessment team
- ◆ Develop the detailed project plan, schedule, and budget framework.
- ◆ Coordinate volunteers, evaluators, and external partners under the auspices of the PBF.
- ◆ Communicate progress and risks to the Sponsor and Steering Group.
- ◆ Make operational decisions within approved scope, schedule, and budget limits.

The Sponsor, Oliver F. Lehmann, retains overall accountability for project alignment with the Foundation's mission and approves major scope or policy changes.

Authorization

This charter constitutes the formal initiation of the Contractor of the Year 2026 Project under the Project Business Foundation. It remains valid until project closure and approval of final deliverables.

Name	Signature	Date
Oliver F. Lehmann - Project Sponsor		17-Oct-2025
Peter Balogh - Project Manager		18-Oct-2025

